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Australia's unemployment rate remained at 6.2 per cent in October 2014

Australia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 6.2 per cent in October 2014 (compared with a revised rate for September 2014), as announced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) today.

The seasonally adjusted labour force participation rate increased 0.1 percentage points to 64.6 per cent in October 2014.

The ABS reported the number of people employed increased by 24,100 to 11,592,200 in October 2014 (seasonally adjusted). The increase in employment was driven by increased full-time employment for both females (up 26,100) and males (up 7,300). This was partly offset by decreased part-time employment, down 9,400 to 3,533,700.

The ABS seasonally adjusted aggregate monthly hours worked series increased in October 2014, up 24.9 million hours (1.6%) to 1,614.4 million hours.

The seasonally adjusted number of people unemployed increased by 7,100 to 772,100 in October 2014, the ABS reported.

More details are in the October 2014 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0), as well as the upcoming October 2014 issue of *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed* (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001) due for release next week on 13 November 2014. These publications are available for free download (after release) from the ABS website - www.abs.gov.au.

Media note:

- The seasonality of the labour force data has been re-estimated with specific adjustments made for the changed pattern of supplementary surveys. These adjustments have been applied to the seasonally adjusted series from December 2013 onwards. Details of this change were announced in a statement by the Australian Statistician on 4 November 2014. For further details refer to pages 6 to 16 of the October 2014 issue of *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0).
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